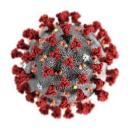


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Regional Health Officer Megan Avallone reports that three of the six regions in New Jersey (including our Central East region) are showing high levels of activity, up from two last week. Notably, the state has an average high activity score for the first time since April 17, whereas during this calendar week in 2020 (without vaccinations), we were showing low activity levels. The Delta variant accounted for nearly 100% of the most recent case samples statewide for the four weeks ending September 4.

Locally, 42 cases were identified in Westfield between September 17 and September 23, 36% of which were in children under 18. The age ranges are broken down as follows:

Age 9 and under: 10 cases

Age 10-19: 5 cases

• Age 20-29: 5 cases

• Age 30-39: 5 cases

• Age 40-49: 3 cases

• Age 50-59: 9 cases

• Age 60-69: 2 cases

Age 70-79: 3 cases

Age 80-89: No cases

Age 90 and above: No cases

Sadly, I am also reporting the death of an 84 year-old resident, bringing our total number of COVID fatalities to 61.

The state's seven-day average for new confirmed cases is down 4% from a week ago and up 10% from a month ago, and the statewide transmission rate is 1.05.

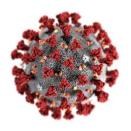
Statewide, vaccination rates have decreased 11% from last week's rate, with an average of 11.3K doses administered per day. More than 5.8 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated.

In Union County, 394,864 (70.9% of the total population) have received one dose of vaccine, and 349,762 (62.8% of the total population) are fully vaccinated.

In Westfield, 98% of those 65 and older, 97% of those 30 and older, 99% of the adult population (18+), 95% of those 12 and older, and 79% of the entire population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. In terms of fully vaccinated residents, the data shows 92% of those 65 and older, 92% of those 30 and older, 93% of adults (18+), 89% of those 12 and older, and 74% of the entire population.



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As a reminder, any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call 908-789-4070. A listing of upcoming pop up clinics can be found on the Health Department website.

The full update detailing other topics in Town is available here.